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PATENT CLAIMS

1. Device for thermal waste water purification with a container through which the waste water flows,

characterised by

- a) at least one flow guide means (1, 2), which alternately in parallel as overflow weir and as underflow
 0 weir is arranged to form a chamber for a meander-shaped guide of the waste water in the container (R5), and
 - b) at least one heating means (3), which is arranged between two flow guide means (1, 2) in the lower part of the chamber of the container (R5) at the beginning of a rising flow, and
 - c) serves to produce a supported flow in the chamber and to set to a predetermined temperature.
- 2. Device according to claim 1, characterised in that the flow guide means (1, 2) is formed by a wall, more particularly formed by a screen base, around which the waste water is directed.
- 3. Device according to at least one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the heating means (3) has a device through which steam flows, more particularly a tube bank.
- 4. Device according to at least one of the preceding 30 claims characterised in that the heating means (3) has electric heating.
- 5. Device according to at least one of the preceding claims characterised in that the container is formed cylindrical whereby the longitudinal axis is horizontal.

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- 6. Device according to at least one of the preceding claims characterised in that the container has on the top side a collecting pipe (22) for discharging gases.
- 7. Device for thermal waste water purification characterised in that at least two devices (R5) are connected in series.
- 10 8. Method for thermal waste water purification of melamine-containing waste water by using a device with a container through which waste water flows,

characterised in that in the device

- a) at least one flow guide means (1, 2), which alternately in parallel as overflow weir and as underflow weir is arranged to form a chamber for a meander-shaped guide of the waste water in the container (R5), and
- b) at least one heating means (3), which is arranged between two flow guide means (1, 2) in the lower part of the chamber of the container (R5) at the beginning of a rising flow, and
- c) serves to produce a supported flow in the chamber and
 25 to set to a predetermined temperature.
 - d) that the temperature in the device (R5) is greater than 190°.
- 9. Method according to claim 8, characterised in that 30 the temperature in the device (R5)preferably lies in the range 220°C to 230°C.
 - 10. Method according to claim 8 or claim 9, characterised in that the pressure in the device (R5) between 30 and 100 bar.

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- 11. Method according to one of claims 8 to 10, characterised in that the pressure in the device (R5) preferably lies between 30 and 60 bar.
- 12. Method according to one of claims 8 to 11, characterised in that the waste water is preheated at least once before the hydrolyser (R5).
- 10 13. Method according to one of claims 8 to 12, characterised in that at least a preheating of the supply to the hydrolyser takes place through a heat exchanger (E3) which is heated in the counter flow with the output flow of the hydrolyser (R5).
- 14. Method according to one of Claims 8 to 13, characterised in that the waste water is guided through the hydrolyser (R5) to a column (C8) whereby the head product of the column (C8) is directed to the gas washer (C9).